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## Mayor Ballard Presents Awards for City's Inaugural Indiana Latino Expo

INDIANAPOLIS – Mayor Greg Ballard hosted and presented awards today at the 2012 Mayor's Breakfast for the inaugural Indiana Latino Expo. The Latino Expo will take place Saturday at the Indiana State Fairgrounds.

"Our first Indiana Latino Expo promises to be a great success, offering a myriad of opportunities for people to enjoy," said Mayor Ballard. "Diversity of cultures is one of the things that make Indianapolis such a dynamic city to call home, and this event hopefully will draw Latinos and others from around the city and state to learn, access resources, celebrate Hispanic cultures and feel proud to be part of our community."

The Mayor's Breakfast highlights the diversity of cultures in Indianapolis and recognizes excellence in the fields of business and education within the Latino community. Award recipients are:

**Latino Teacher of the Year:** Jill Woerner. A Pendleton Heights Middle School Spanish teacher, Woerner was named the 2012 Teacher of the Year in March by the Central States Conference on Teaching Foreign Languages. Woerner will be one of five teachers considered by the American Council of Teachers of Foreign Languages for its National World Language Teacher of the Year.

**Latino Woman-Owned Business of the Year:** Kathy Cabello/Cabello Associates Inc. Cabello Associates is a Hispanic-owned firm that has become a leader in marketing to the Latino community in Indianapolis. Cabello Associates works with pharmaceutical companies, universities, utilities, and other Indianapolis- and nationally based organizations to establish and improve their relationships with the Latino community.

**Latino Male-Owned Business of the Year:** Edgar Rodriguez/EZ Transport and Construction. Through Rodriguez's work on projects with the City of Indianapolis and the private sector over the past several years, EZ Transport and Construction has emerged as the largest Hispanic-owned trucking firm in Indianapolis. EZ Transport was certified as a minority-owned business in 2005.

Former City of Indianapolis Latino Affairs Director Carlos May developed the concept, vision and direction for Indiana Latino Expo under the leadership of Mayor Ballard.

Top sponsors for Indiana Latino Expo are WTHR Channel 13, Alivio Medical Center, Citizens Energy Group, Comcast, IndyGo, Eli Lilly and Co., Lumina Foundation, Butler University, Casa Mateo, Dow AgroSciences, Financial Center Federal Credit Union, Fineline Printing, IUPUI, Ivy Tech Community College, Managed Health Services, Pacers Sports and Entertainment, and Purdue University. Sponsors for the breakfast are IPL, an AES company; Lumina Foundation; Flanner and Buchanan Funeral Centers; and MS-IL Staffing & Packaging.

For a complete schedule of activities for Saturday's Indiana Latino Expo, visit [www.indianalatinexpo.org](http://www.indianalatinexpo.org).

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